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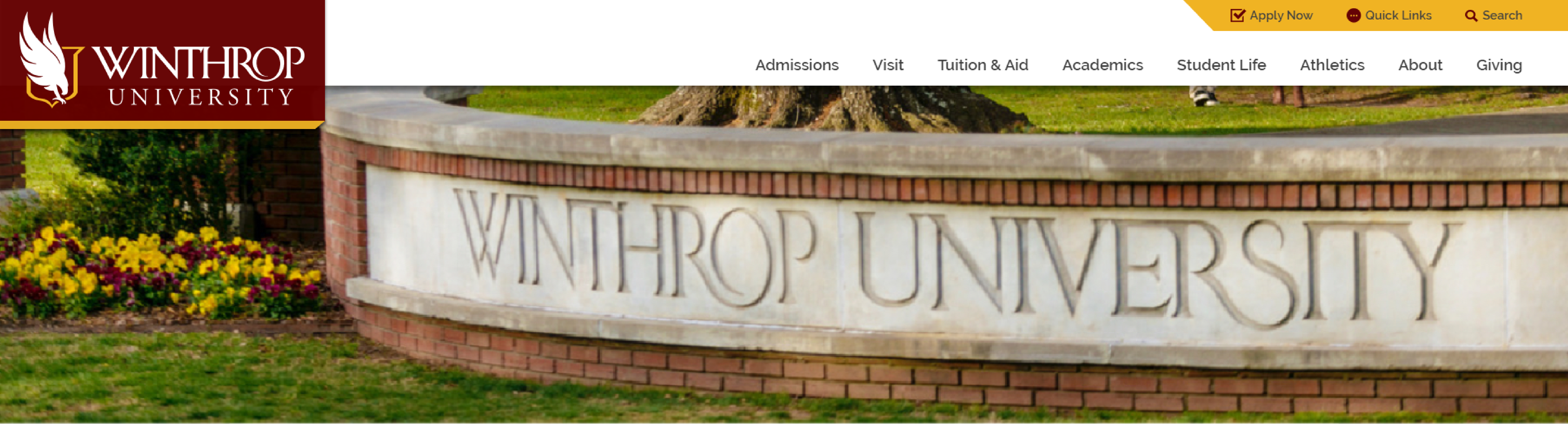
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HIGHLIGHTS

- Perry, editor of the Carolina Forest Chronicle and the North Strand News, received a bachelor's degree in mass communication from Winthrop.
- In presenting him with the Journalist of the Year Award this past April, SCPA judges noted Perry's work is "the type of journalism that makes a difference."

ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA—South Carolina Press Association (SCPA) Weekly Journalist of the Year **Charles Perry '05** will highlight the Winthrop University **Department of Mass Communication's Mass Comm Week**, beginning Monday, Sept. 30.

Perry will speak to classes on Wednesday, Oct. 2: 9:30-10:45 a.m. in 115 Johnson Hall; and 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m. in G02 Owens Hall. He will also be honored at a distinguished alumnus reception in the Johnson Hall lobby at 12:30 p.m. The campus community is invited to all events.

Perry, editor of the Carolina Forest Chronicle and the North Strand News, received a bachelor's degree in mass communication from Winthrop. His coverage—from breaking news on hurricanes and tornadoes to fun features on rodeo cowboys and race-car drivers—has earned him approximately 100 journalist awards, including national honors.

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Other Mass Comm week events include:

Media Entrepreneurship Panel

Monday, Sept. 30, 9:30 a.m.  
115 Johnson Hall  
Featuring: Jonathan McFadden '12, content creator, jonwritesink.com; Tyler Young '10, media entrepreneur; and Brandon Grate '15, Brandon Grate Photography.

Panel Discussion: Life After College

Tuesday, Oct. 1, 9:30 a.m.  
Whitton Auditorium  
Featuring Billie Jean Shaw '13, WCNC; Matthew Kreh '15, WRHI; and Ruby Durham, WCNC. Moderated by Amanda Harris '12, The Herald. Sponsored by the Society of Professional Journalists. Cultural event.

Alumni Panel

Tuesday, Oct. 1, 12:30 p.m.  
115 Johnson Hall  
Ryan Melvin '08, S.C. Department of Commerce; Rickey Ciapha Dennis '15, The Post & Courier; and Brandon Taylor '07, WLTX.

Integrated Marketing Communication Panel

Tuesday, Oct. 1, 3:30 p.m.  
115 Johnson Hall  
Featuring Cynthia Shah-Khan and Ashley Simmons.

For more information, contact **Mass Communication Chair Guy Reel** at 803/323-4531 or [reelg@winthrop.edu](mailto:reelg@winthrop.edu).

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